

#7 “KINDNESS”

2 Peter 1:1-11

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

How can we keep kindness at the forefront of our lives?

1. Realize the power of kindness.

- **Kindness connects.**

- Luke 10:25-37

- **Kindness is contagious.**

- 1 Chronicles 19:2 (NIV) David thought, “I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.”

- **Kindness corrects.**

- Romans 2:4 (NLT) Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

- 1 Corinthians 4:13 (NIV) When we are slandered, we answer kindly.

2. Cultivate a passion for kindness.

- **Receive God's kindness in our lives.**

- Ephesians 1:8 (NLT) He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

- **Remove “kindness killers” from our hearts.**

- Colossians 3:8 (NLT) But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

- **Practice kindness in our interactions.**

- Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- **Nurture kind attitudes.**

- Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

- **Choose kind words.**

- Proverbs 18:21 (NIV) The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- **Wear a kind countenance.**

- Colossians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

- Proverbs 3:3 (NLT) Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you! Wear them like a necklace; write them deep within your heart.

- **Do kind things.**

- 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV) Love is kind.

- John 13:17 (NIV) Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.